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The City held its **first virtual town hall meeting on the city's Facebook** (www.facebook.com/cityoffranklin) site last night regarding Franklin and the region's water issues. **Rick McPeak, Russell Sullivan, Mayor Ken Moore, Milissa Reiersen and Sarah Sappington and I all participated and answered many questions.** News Channel 5 picked up on the story and here is a look at that report <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/15171410/franklin-goes-on-line-to-answer-water-quality-questions>. The Williamson A.M. also had a new story on the water, basically confirming that this is a regional issue, not just Franklin. They interviewed a representative from the Harpeth Valley Utility District. They draw their water from the Cumberland River. <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110729/WILLIAMSON10/307290014/Despite-bit-stench-Franklin-s-water-harmless> We have also posted the Q & A from the online forum on our website, you can see those here <http://www.franklintn.gov/index.aspx?page=826> Again, I want to recognize all the hard work our Water Management team has put in over the past 2-3 weeks as they have worked to address these concerns. Thank you for your dedication and hard work!

A **big congratulations** goes out to the participants in the **Countdown to a New You** program! Together, they lost almost 300 pounds! **Congratulations to Tracy Harness, Jim Maxwell, Rodney Prince and Amanda Hall who had the highest percent of weight loss, and Donald Terry who won the Kindle.** Thank you to **Tammie Pitts and Tracy Harness** for all of their hard work in organizing the program. We hope everyone enjoyed the program and will continue their journey with the lifestyle changes learned from the program. Again, congratulations to all of the participants. By the way, I made my goal too! No prize though!

This Sunday, July 31st, the City **will be hosting our adopted soldiers and their families for a Welcome Home celebration.** Several activities are planned for them including a tour of Downtown and a picnic at Eastern Flank Battlefield Park. If you'd like to volunteer between the hours of noon-6pm contact moniquem@franklintn.gov or 550-6606.



The Cal Ripken southeast regional baseball championship tournament for 11 year old boys is taking place this weekend at Jim Warren Park. State champion teams from Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee, including the home team, "**Franklin Fire,**" are participating in the tournament. The opening ceremonies took place last night, with City Administrator Eric Stuckey (that's me) providing the opening welcome. **Parks Department Athletic Foreman Paige Cruse and crew** were

recognized for hosting the event and preparing the fields. Ladder 4 and Ladder 5 personnel raised the flag between the two trucks for the ceremony. The fields look great. Thank you to our Parks team for their great work to host this event. I received many positive comments about our fields , our parks and our great city.

The City of Franklin's **two newest police officers** were sworn in by **Chief David Rahinsky** at a ceremony held this afternoon at Police Headquarters. Officer **William LeCates, Jr., and Officer James Smith** were hired earlier this month and are in the process of completing a four-week new officer orientation. They will begin a 10-week police academy at Tennessee's Law Enforcement Training Academy in Donelson this Sunday. **Officer Christopher Harris**, who was sworn in on 05/19/2011, is packing his bags for home today. He graduates from that same residential training program on Friday.

We have a **blood drive** scheduled for August 25th at City Hall. To donate, contact moniquem@franklintn.gov or 550-6606.

Sarah Sappington from Administration is the winner of the Mayor's parking spot next week! **Paul Holzen, from the Engineering Department nominated Sarah.** Paul said, "Sarah comes to work every day with a great attitude and ready to work. Sarah is extremely organized and always willing to help fellow employees with numerous task to include invoices, contracts and City projects. Thanks for all the help Sarah!" Sarah will begin parking in the Mayor's spot on Monday, August 1-5. **If you see someone doing a good job, nominate them at agoodjob@franklintn.gov.**

Have a nice weekend Thank you for all you do.

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